

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2207

Monument House Inn

4000 Old North Point Road

Dundalk, Baltimore County

Circa 1830

Private

Facing southwest along Old North Point Road, the Monument House Inn is located near the village of North Point and Dundalk in the Fifteenth District of Baltimore County. North Point is located on the Patapsco River Neck southeast of Baltimore City. A single road, the Old North Point Road, leads from the Philadelphia turnpike through the entirety of the Patapsco River Neck. Just prior to 1915, the Fifteenth District was developed out of the Twelfth District. North Point is recognized for a battle which took place on September 14, 1814 between the Maryland militia and General Ross of the British Army. The militia defeated and killed General Ross, for which a monument was erected to commemorate this action in 1817. Hence, the Monument Hotel received its name after this 1817 monument. Constructed during the first half of the 19th century, this property is noted as Mrs. Russell's Monument Hotel on the 1850 Sidney Atlas. According to the 1877 Hopkin's Atlas this building was the John Harris Monument Hotel. By 1915 according to the Bromley Atlas, this property was shown as the Monument Hotel. This building has undergone significant alterations that make it difficult to determine a specific construction date.

Sited on a level lot, the Monument House Inn, this building has a paved parking lot on the south and west sides. Constructed of wood frame this building is two stories high and four bays wide capped with a flat roof. The first story is clad with pressed vertical boards and the second story is covered with stucco. A skirt roof on the façade and southeast elevation is clad with asphalt shingles. The off-center entry on the façade is through a wood frame vestibule. The single-leaf wood door is flush with a diamond light. The four replacement windows on the second story are 1/1 double-hung vinyl sash. Rising above the roof is one interior-end stucco clad chimney. The windows on the second story have wood square-edged sills. A one-story concrete-block hipped-roof addition with a hyphen was constructed on the rear elevation.

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Inventory No.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Monument House Inn (PREFERRED)
other	Dreamers

2. Location

street and number	4000 Old North Point Road	not for publication
city, town	Dundalk	vicinity
county	Baltimore County	

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	A & R LLC		
street and number	1426 East Joppa Road	telephone	Not Available
city, town	Baltimore	state	MD
		zip code	21286-5909

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Baltimore County Courthouse	tax map and parcel:	104, 189
city, town	Towson	liber	16515 folio 647

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1830 ca. **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates 1830 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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ENDNOTES

1. J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 926.

2. Scharf, p, 933.

3. J.C. Sidney, Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

4. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

5. Map of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.75

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Middle River

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Monument House Inn, constructed circa 1830, is located at 4000 Old North Point Road in Dundalk in the Fifteenth District in Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 104 parcel 189 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared By

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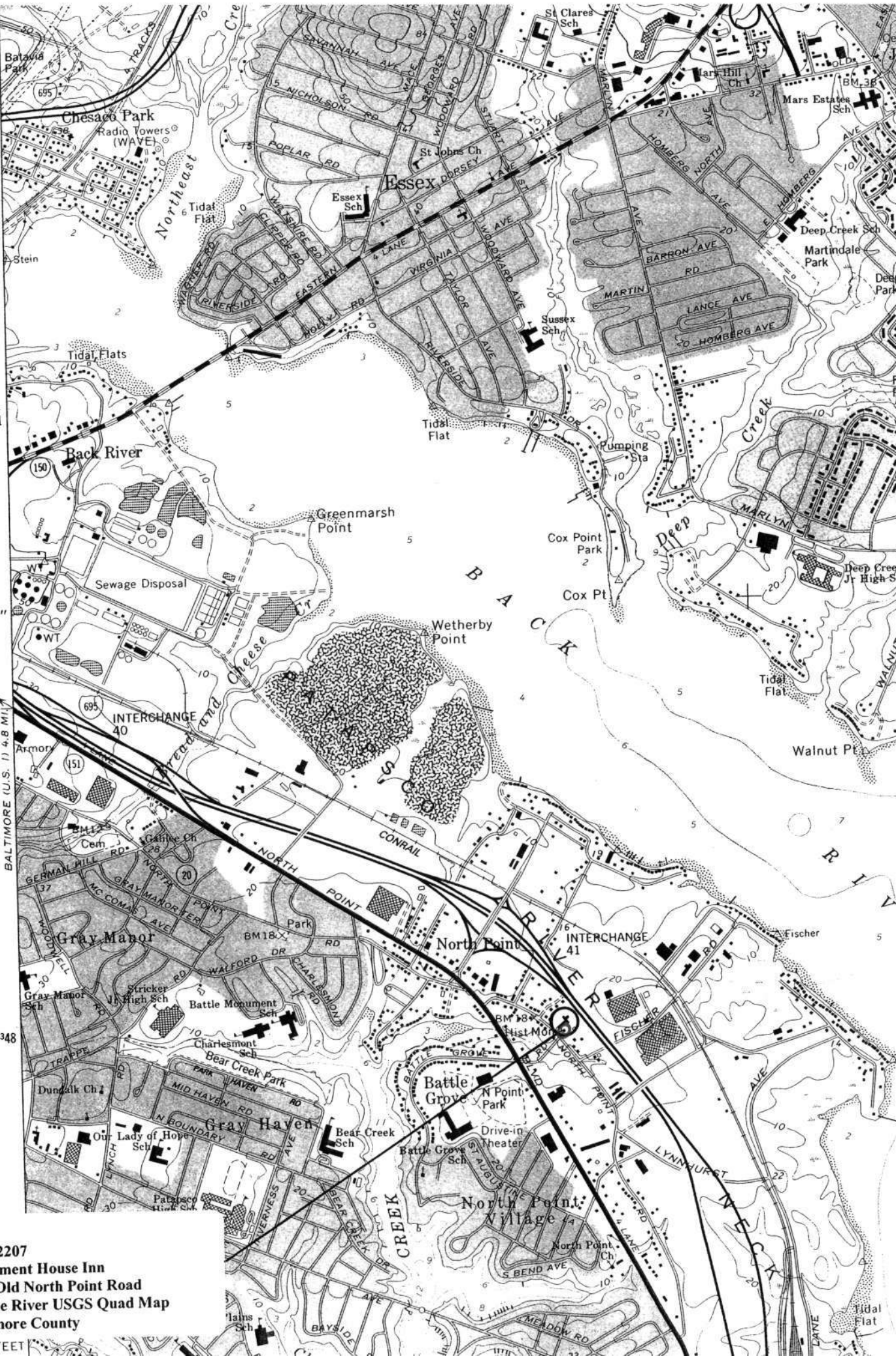
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Monument House Inn
4000 Old North Point Road
Middle River USGS Quad Map
Baltimore County

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INN, SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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MONUMENT HOUSE INN - 18__ - 4000 Old North Point Road. This tavern contains concrete block sections combined with an earlier building that had classic cornices. Sidney's 1850 map showed Mrs. Russel's Monument Hotel at this point. The 1877 atlas showed John Harris as operator. A relatively recent owner, Eli Bunievas, gained fame by repairing the crumbling Aquilla Randall Monument which had formerly stood on part of this property; his ownership extended from 1944 to 1962. The veterans of the battle of North Point had set the monument up at this spot without acquiring title to the land. The monument (Site BA 635) was rescued by Mr. J. Sheridan McClees and donated to Baltimore County in 1979.